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From: Dean, StevenB

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:10 AM

**To:** Smith-Starckey, Tracye < Smith-Starckey. Tracye@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> **Cc:** Hembrey, Cheri@epa.gov>; Womack, Sandy < Womack. Sandy@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

Tracye / Debbi,

#### I would say:

With possible deep budget cuts, EPA is still required to provide annual mandatory trainings to all EPA employees. Additionally, with fewer FTE to accomplish EPA's mission, ensuring that all employees have the most current skills is detrimental to mission accomplishment.

#### Steven

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From: Smith-Starckey, Tracye

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:48 AM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Dean, StevenB < Dean. StevenB@epa.gov >

Cc: Hembrey, Cheri < Hembrey. Cheri@epa.gov >; Womack, Sandy < Womack. Sandy@epa.gov > Subject: FW: Regional Input - Question - Training (OHR FY2017 Assurance Letter Submission)

Good Morning Debbi and Steven,

Sandy Womack is in the process of reviewing our FY2017 assurance letter submission and reaching out with some clarification questions. Please see her comments below and respond to his email ASAP using reply all. Thanks

#### Tracye Smith-Starckey

**USEPA** 

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EPA IPhone: (202) 406-0983

Email: Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov

From: Womack, Sandy

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:04 PM

To: Smith-Starckey, Tracye < <a href="mailto:Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov">Smith-Starckey, Tracye@epa.gov</a>>; Hembrey, Cheri@epa.gov</a>>

Cc: Cunningham, Bisa < cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>

Subject: Regional Input - Question - Training

Hi Tracye and Cheri,

Not sure if this is also Bisa's area, in case it is, I've copied her on this request.

For the OHR regional response, please clarify or direct me to the OHR response that addresses "the need to ensure staff receive quality and regular training....".

If you determine the OHR response did not address this concern, please provide a couple of sentences to address the regional concern and/or let me know if OHR intend on providing a response.

I need at your earliest! Thanks!

## 2. Support the Workforce through Training, Strategic Hiring & Succession Management: OARM

As OARM identified in the FY16 Assurance Memo, supporting our workforce continues to be a growing challenge. Given the recent restructuring, reshaping, and VERA/VSIP efforts, training for existing staff and for those that may be in new/reshaped areas is a growing priority. New initiatives such as the Remedial Acquisition Framework and IT tools, and the ongoing requirements to effectively manage resources/funds through budget execution, further illustrate a continued need to ensure staff receive quality and regular training to effectively meet the agency's mission.

In addition to training, the agency should re-evaluate our hiring and succession planning strategy to ensure that we are well positioned to fill critical positions (such as in the IT series), which could include offering competitive salaries to attract highly qualified candidates. Without this, our agency will risk having mission critical positions go unfilled or at minimum, lengthy periods of position vacancy.

### OHR RESPONSE:

Because the agency is currently under a hiring freeze and anticipates limited hiring in the near and mid-term, only critical positions that are approved by senior leadership will be filled. The agency has a number of hiring/pay flexibilities available to support recruitment of well qualified candidates, and direct hire authority for IT security specialists is one of them. Selecting officials should consult with their HR Shared Service Center representatives to identify appropriate strategies and flexibilities for hiring top candidates. With respect to the agency's succession management strategy, the process focuses first on identifying critical positions, then evaluating the skillsets of the talent pool available to fill the critical position.

From: Hart, Debbi [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 7/18/2017 5:59:31 PM

**To**: Schreefer, Kenneth [Schreefer.Kenneth@epa.gov]

CC: Loretta Hunt [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Dean, StevenB [Dean.StevenB@epa.gov]

**Subject**: OHR Weekly input for PPTD

Importance: High

Here you go—thanks!

**OHR** Weekly

#### **PPTD**

Nothing for hot issues

**Public Events** 

• Finalized the agenda for the August 2, 2017, Human Resources Council meeting based on feedback from the two co-chairs (Donna Vizian and James McDonald). The meeting will now be convened in WJCE B-316 from 9:30 AM-5:00 PM EST. Mike Flynn will provide remarks including FY18 priorities.

#### Past Week Accomplishments

- Received formal approval for the agency's VERA/VSIP business case from OPM/OMB on July 10, 2017; the application window opened on July 13, 2017 and will close on July 26, 2017.
- Received comments on the agency's draft Duty Stations at Other Locations (Remote Reporting) policy on July 14, 2017; comments are currently being incorporated as appropriate.
- Extension of Task Order 14 (Skillport migration from OEI and e-learning development for all mandatory training) was tentatively approved on July 13; some transition costs will be incurred.

From: Smith-Starckey, Tracye [Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/23/2017 5:22:17 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

CC: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hembrey, Cheri

[Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Final OIG VERA-VSIP Report Update

Thanks Debbi, will do!

**Tracye Smith-Starckey** 

**USEPA** 

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Email: Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:21 PM

To: Smith-Starckey, Tracye <Smith-Starckey.Tracye@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hembrey, Cheri

<Hembrey.Cheri@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Final OIG VERA-VSIP Report Update

As mentioned/requested at our management meeting yesterday, below is an update on the status of our V/V OIG audit. Please let me know if there are questions. Thanks! Debbi

Debbi Hart
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From: Roach, Tim

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Hart, Debbi < <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi@epa.gov</a>
Subject: Final OIG VERA-VSIP Report Update

Good morning Debbi,

Our final report will be issued by the end of the month. It's been a long process and I thank you for your time and assistance. We updated the final report with the last bit of information you sent, plus what we received from OW. As always, feel free to call or send an e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

From: Hart, Debbi [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 6/30/2017 8:01:09 PM

**To**: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

CC: Carpenter, Wesley [Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov]; Burbach, Joseph [burbach.joseph@epa.gov]; Gray, Linda

[gray.linda@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Marian

Cooper [Cooper.Marian@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Final version of HCOP High Level Plan ready for uploading to MAX

Attachments: EPA High Level Plan for HCOP final June2017.docx

Importance: High

Gary—this captures all of our comments. Please upload and thank you! Debbi

From: Parker, Gary

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 11:01 AM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda < gray.linda@epa.gov>

Cc: Carpenter, Wesley <Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>; Burbach, Joseph <br/> <br/> burbach.joseph@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: HCOP

Linda,

Here is the high-level plan for the HCOP. The only thing OPM wants right now is this very high level plan of how we are going to design and maintain the HCOP. The actual HCOP is due in September. I have also attached the HCOP guidance as well for reference.

R, Gary

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 10:11 AM **To:** Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>

Cc: Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter. Wesley @epa.gov >; Burbach, Joseph < burbach.joseph@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary

<parker.gary@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HCOP

Linda- Let me call you. Gary is POC for HCOP and we shared the draft with folks yesterday. We got minor comments from Showman that were addressed and Donna only mentioned she would like DCHCO to be lead—she said she didn't need to see HCOP again and that we could submit to MAX. It's due today. Calling now. Debbi

Debbi Hart Director Policy, Planning & Training Division OHR, OARM USEPA 202.564.2011 hart.debbi@epa.gov

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From: Gray, Linda

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Subject: HCOP

Debbi,

Wes mentioned that Donna is expecting me to run point on the HCOP assignment. I understand you and Loretta have some follow up for V/V. Who on your staff is the POC to bring this to end state? You were putting together a strawman of what we would submit. What is the status? Is this an assignment that Towanna can assist with? I know a part of this assignment involves the agency strategic plan that OCFO is working, but can we use the HPO plan as a guide absent a final strategic plan?

### Linda R. Gray

Director, Office of Human Resources Office of Administration and Resources Management Environmental Protection Agency (202) 564-4606 phone (202) 564-4613 fax

From: Hart, Debbi [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 4/5/2017 8:02:13 PM

**To**: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Handouts for Workforce Reshaping CHCO Academy [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Thanks. I'm doing the webcast with Loretta. Didn't register in time for the live event. Purely my oversight but I think Linda thinks I didn't want to accompany her.

P.S. We have some great ideas for V/V template! Will be putting it together tomorrow. I think we can do a great job this time around if allowed.

From: Vizian, Donna

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:55 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Handouts for Workforce Reshaping CHCO Academy [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

### Begin forwarded message:

From: "CHCOC" < <a href="mailto:chcoc@opm.gov">chcoc@opm.gov</a>
To: "Workforce" < <a href="mailto:workforce@opm.gov">Workforce@opm.gov</a>>

Cc: "CHCOC" <chcoc@opm.gov>

Subject: Handouts for Workforce Reshaping CHCO Academy [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Good afternoon (via Bcc),

Please see the attached materials which will be used during tomorrow's event. Copies will not be available, so you may wish to print a copy and bring it with you. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

Webcast registration is still open please visit <a href="https://chcoacademy\_workforcereshaping.eventbrite.com">https://chcoacademy\_workforcereshaping.eventbrite.com</a> to register.

Regards,

Rich Snyder Chief Human Capital Officers Council Office of Personnel Management

From: Hart, Debbi [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=62AFB40F2BF1484D933F2CE207EB20E7-HART, DEBRA]

**Sent**: 4/4/2017 9:08:03 PM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

Subject: FW: April 6th CHCO Academy: Workforce Reshaping [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Attachments: OPM Workforce Reshaping agenda 3 28 17 (2).pdf

Do you think this session will be helpful or more focused on OPM selling their services?

From: CHCOC [mailto:chcoc@opm.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:09 PM

To: CHCOC <chcoc@opm.gov>

Cc: Workforce < Workforce@opm.gov>; Saphos, Sara < Catherine.Saphos@opm.gov>

Subject: April 6th CHCO Academy: Workforce Reshaping [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Good Afternoon CHCOs and Deputies (via Bcc),

OPM's Chief Human Capital Officers Council is hosting a unique CHCO Academy to begin a strategic workforce planning and reshaping discussion with Federal HR professionals and others who are interested. We will provide an overview of the resources related to Human Capital and strategic planning, workforce reshaping options (including Reduction-in-Force (RIF), Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment Authority (VSIP)), and means to support the workforce and sustain high-performance.

Please join us Thursday, April 6th from 9:30am-11:30am at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Campbell Auditorium, located at 1900 E Street, NW in Washington, DC or via webcast.

To register, visit <a href="https://chcoacademy\_workforcereshaping.eventbrite.com">https://chcoacademy\_workforcereshaping.eventbrite.com</a>. If you have questions for OPM or would like to suggest topics for future sessions, please submit these to <a href="https://www.workforce@opm.gov">workforce@opm.gov</a> by Tuesday, April 6th with the subject line CHCO Academy.

Best,

Veronica

Veronica Villalobos

Acting Executive Director

Chief Human Capital Officers Council

Office of Personnel Management

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Attachment

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/26/2017 5:28:35 PM

**To**: Peabody, Hitch [Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: VERA/VSIP System

Hitch,

FYI

Also, you or a designee in ERD should attend the weekly VERA/VSIP meetings (Thursdays at 3 pm) so you can stay in the loop.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Taylor, Jeremy

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 1:12 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: VERA/VSIP System

Hi Debbi and Loretta,

I wanted to check to see if you two want to be involved in our demo of the application system for VERA/VSIP that we will be doing later this week. I know you won't be working on that part but since you two have been the leads for all the steps so far I wanted to see if you are interested in seeing the system in case you have any questions come your way or want to give any feedback we may not have thought of.

# Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you,

Jeremy A. Taylor OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537



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From: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns. Jason@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 3:47:22 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: Roll up info

Attachments: V.V. roll up info 7.5.17.xlsx

I've tried to condense it down, but it is still a lot to go through. There are four offices without any restructure/elimination information and those are OW, OCSPP, Region 4, and Region 7. If there is anything else just let me know.

Thanks,

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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/12/2017 12:51:42 PM

To: Mahoney, Michael J [Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov]

CC: Snowden, Gregory A [Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary

[parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Re: Question about VERA/VSIP Repayment

Mike, yes, I meant volunteer. I didn't submit it to our attorneys because I hoped OPM had a quick answer.

I'll reach out to them. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2017, at 4:56 PM, Mahoney, Michael J < Mike Mahoney@opm.gov > wrote:

Loretta,

I presume you mean the person returns as a volunteer, and not as an employee with Peace Corps/Vista?

Either way – this may require a legal read, which could take a while.

Have you run it by EPA attorneys? What was their take take?

-mike

From: Hunt, Loretta [mailto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:10 AM **To:** Snowden, Gregory A; Mahoney, Michael J

Cc: Hart, Debbi; Parker, Gary

Subject: RE: Question about VERA/VSIP Repayment

Reminder. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 5:07 PM

To: 'Snowden, Gregory A' < Gregory. Snowden@opm.gov>; 'Mahoney, Michael J'

<Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: Question about VERA/VSIP Repayment

Gregory,

I received the following question:

If a former Peace Corps/VISTA volunteer separates under VSIP and returns to Peace Corps/VISTA service within less than five years of separating from EPA, are they required to pay back the VSIP to EPA?

I'm inclined to say yes because 5 CFR 576 states:

An executive branch employee who received a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment as described in subpart A of this part *and accepts any employment for compensation with the Government of the United States* within 5 years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based must repay the entire amount of the Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment to the agency that paid it before the individual's first day of reemployment.

While VISTA/Peace Corps volunteers aren't executive branch employees, VISTA/Peace Corps are Government organizations that pay stipends to volunteers.

Am I correct or incorrect? Thanks for any assitance you can provide.

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From: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/26/2017 3:27:19 PM

To: Kirkland, William [Kirkland.William@epa.gov]; Martinez, Doris [Martinez.Doris@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FAQ POSTING NEW VERSION **Attachments**: VERA- VSIP FAQ's 5-31-17.docx

Bill,

An updated version, please disregard my previous message and post this version. Thank you.

R, Gary

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Parker, Gary

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 7:34 AM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov>; Martinez, Doris < Martinez. Doris@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: FAQ POSTING

Bill,

Please post the attached to the early out/buy out page, http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/index.htm

Label it "VERA/VSIP FAQs"

Thank you.

R, Gary

From: Cooper, Marian [Cooper.Marian@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/6/2017 12:09:39 PM

To: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta

[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: V/V communication

Trying to reach someone who has the latest draft of this communication. Thanks!

Marian Pechmann Cooper Chief of Staff Office of Administration and Resources Management William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building-NORTH (3330) Washington, DC 20460 office number -- 202 564-0620 office fax -- 202 564-0233



From: Showman, John

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 7:28 AM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>

Cc: Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter. Wesley@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: V/V communication

Do you have this communication? Donna said it's a general communication that can be sent to staff. ????

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 5:36 PM

To: Showman, John <<u>Showman.John@epa.gov</u>>; Hart, Debbi <<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>>; Gray, Linda <<u>gray.linda@epa.gov</u>>;

Cooper, Marian < Cooper, Marian@epa.gov>

**Subject:** V/V communication

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/26/2017 11:34:35 AM

To: Mairose, Sue [Mairose.Sue@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Bonner, Jerome

[Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Thank you Sue. Great meeting you in person as well.

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Mairose, Sue

**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 4:00 PM **To:** Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome

<Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Hi Gary,

Per Debbi's email message below I have attached the current version of the FAQs for the VERA/VSIP. My apologies if you have not received these yet. I'm just now getting thru some of my emails from last week. It was a great site visit and my pleasure to get to meet you in person.

Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any further assistance.

Thank you again and have a great week!

Sue

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Benefits emailbox: <u>CIN\_HRSSC\_Benefits\_Central@epa.gov</u>

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:14 AM **To:** Mairose, Sue < <u>Mairose, Sue@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Sue- can you please send correct version of FAQs to Gary so he can post? Thanks in advance. D

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Parker, Gary" <<u>parker.gary@epa.gov</u>>
Date: June 22, 2017 at 7:42:50 AM EDT
To: "Hart, Debbi" <<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>>
Cc: "Hunt, Loretta" <<u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Debbi,

I do not have the FAQs. Can someone send them to me, or has someone given that to Bill to post?

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Mairose, Sue

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:48 PM

**To:** Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >; Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson, Lizabeth@epa.gov > Cc: Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Bonner, Jerome

<Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Thanks Debbi! It's a great addition to the site.

The FAQ's are good to go as well whenever they can be added to the site.

Thank you again.

Sue

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:12 PM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson. Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue < Mairose. Sue@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <<u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: It's live-- V/V Overview video--

Importance: High

http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/

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Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov] From:

7/10/2017 7:18:49 PM Sent:

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Yay. Thank you

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:56 PM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John < Showman. John@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

FYI- Loretta is alerting folks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mahoney, Michael J" < Mike Mahoney@opm.gov>

Date: July 10, 2017 at 2:31:37 PM EDT

To: "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt Loretta@epa.gov >, "Snowden, Gregory A"

<Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov>

Cc: "Hart, Debbi" < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> Subject: RE: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Here tis'...

-mike

From: Hunt, Loretta [mailto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:13 AM To: Mahoney, Michael J; Snowden, Gregory A

Cc: Hart, Debbi

Subject: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Importance: High

Mike/Gregory,

Is the approval for EPA's request being signed today? Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt **Branch Chief** Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources

U.S. EPA

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From: Brincks, Mike [brincks.mike@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/11/2017 8:10:04 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

CC: Krehbiel, Ben [Krehbiel.Ben@epa.gov]; Mairose, Sue [Mairose.Sue@epa.gov]; Price, Patricia

[price.patricia@epa.gov]; Flournoy, Luetta [Flournoy, Luetta@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov];

Coomber, Robert [coomber.robert@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Re: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Got it.

Thanks,

Mike

On Jul 11, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, that's correct. DH

From: Brincks, Mike

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:44 PM
To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Krehbiel, Ben < Krehbiel.Ben@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue < Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Price, Patricia

<price.patricia@epa.gov>; Flournoy, Luetta <<u>Flournoy.Luetta@epa.gov</u>>; Hunt, Loretta

<a href="mailto:</a><a href="mailto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov">Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</a>; Coomber, Robert <a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:Coomber.robert@epa.gov">Coomber.robert@epa.gov</a>>

Subject: Re: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Debbi - thank you.

So our position and messaging is only those eligible and targeted under our plan at the time it was submitted will be included in the pool? Is that correct?

Thanks,

Mike

On Jul 11, 2017, at 2:40 PM, Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> wrote:

Ben-

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Debbi Hart
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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Krehbiel, Ben < Krehbiel. Ben@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Brincks, Mike < brincks.mike@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue < Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Price, Patricia < price.patricia@epa.gov>; Flournoy, Luetta < Flournoy.Luetta@epa.gov>;

Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Ben-

Got it—thanks. As mentioned, we will need to coordinate this with OPM. I'll contact you as soon as I connect with them. Debbi

From: Krehbiel, Ben

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

**Cc:** Brincks, Mike < brincks.mike@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue < Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Price, Patricia < price.patricia@epa.gov>; Flournoy, Luetta < Flournoy.Luetta@epa.gov>;

Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Thx Debbi --

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Ben

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2017, at 9:06 AM, Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Mike-

We will need to understand if this changes R7's business case or the max number of offers. I'll contact Ben/Pat to discuss.

Debbi Hart
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From: Brincks, Mike

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 4:32 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta

<Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Mairose, Sue < Mairose. Sue @epa.gov>; Price, Patricia

<price.patricia@epa.gov>; Flournoy, Luetta

<<u>Flournoy.Luetta@epa.gov</u>>; Krehbiel, Ben <<u>Krehbiel.Ben@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Importance: High

Debbi & Loretta,

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Please contact Ben Krehbiel, Deputy ARA, or Pat Price, RHRO, if you have questions or need to discuss.

We appreciate your help in this matter!

Mike

<image001.jpg>

Mike Brincks

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From: Lane, Vicki [Lane.Vicki@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/3/2017 8:41:02 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Revised - R9 Business Case with Updated Budget Tables

Attachments: R9 V-V Business Case Rev 7-3-17.docx

Hi Deborah and Loretta,

Attached is a complete R9 Business Case which has been updated to include the updated Budget Tables. Regards, Vicki

415-972-3827

From:

Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

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6/29/2017 2:49:23 PM
Sent:
To:
             Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]
CC:
             Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Subject:
             RE: V/V
Thank you so much! Let us know what you need.
Loretta L. Hunt
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----Original Message----
From: Shanahan, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
Cc: Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol
<Terris.Carol@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
On it
Kathie
----Original Message----
From: Hunt, Loretta
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Shanahan, Katherine < Shanahan. Katherine@epa.gov>
Cc: Westenberger, Andrea < Westenberger. Andrea@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol
<Terris.Carol@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
The PMO group list is OHR PMO.
Loretta L. Hunt
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----Original Message----
From: Terris, Carol
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>
Cc: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>; Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>;
Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
Yes, we do -- OCFO-SBO and OCFO-Regional Comptroller are the list names.
(I'd ask them to keep close hold)
----Original Message----
From: Hunt, Loretta
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Terris, Carol <Terris.Carol@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Cc: Shanahan, Katherine <Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov>; Westenberger, Andrea <Westenberger.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: V/V
Importance: High
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Great. Yes, we should invite the budget leads but we don't know who they are. Do you have a group list?

OMB mentioned that R10's budget cost estimate chart was a good example to follow. That information is in the business case document I sent you yesterday. Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov ----Original Message----From: Terris, Carol Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>
Co: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> Subject: Re: V/V Yes it should be possible Let me speak with my folks Do you want to invite the budget leads to join on 2:30 call? Sent from my iPhone > On Jun 29, 2017, at 9:12 AM, Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> wrote: > Carol-- can we pull off having the cost estimate discussion today? Given holiday... > ----Original Message----> From: Shanahan, Katherine > Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:23 AM > To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> > Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> > Subject: V/V > Hi Loretta > I am having a call with HROs today at 2:30. Since R10 is lead region for OARM and their HRO left, I have been helping them fill the role of Lead Region HRO.

> Is there anything you would like me to share with the HROs or would you like the opportunity to speak with them. I know many folks are starting vacations this week so timing is tough. In my own office, I

have the comptroller and ARA starting vacation and the person in my office who works with me on these packages is also going on leave after today. So if there is anything we can do to be responsive to the V/V issues, I am happy to facilitate that today

> Sent from my iPhone

> Kathie

(702) 798-2402 - Office (702) 798-2416 - Fax

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov] Sent: 7/5/2017 8:54:24 PM To: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov] CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov] Subject: RE: VERA VSIP FAQs Good question that I'm pretty sure is, yes, you must pay back the money. I will reach out to OPM for guidance. Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov ----Original Message----From: Parker, Gary Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 4:04 PM To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> Subject: FW: VERA VSIP FAQs Loretta, If we add the below, as Liz has indicated; what is the answer? If you go to PC/VISTA less than 5 years after taking a buyout, do you pay it back? Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (0) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099 ----Original Message----From: Engebretson, Lizabeth Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:00 PM To: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov> Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Jimenez, Elaine <Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue <Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Davis, Cathy <Davis.Cathy@epa.gov> Subject: FW: VERA VSIP FAQs Gary,
Hi. In addition to the comments already provided, recommend adding the following question (if not already addressed on website/FAQs): "As a former Peace Corps/VISTA volunteer, can a separating employee return to Peace Corps/VISTA Service within less than five years of separating from EPA, and not pay back the VSIP?" Given the number of newer staff hired into the agency under that authority, suggest the addition of the question/response. Thank you. Regards, Liz ----Original Message----From: Jimenez, Elaine Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 4:20 PM To: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov> Subject: RE: VERA VSIP FAQs Garv. thanks. Upon review my comment is question #7 - year should be 2017 instead of 2014. Hope this helps. Have a safe holiday weekend. Elaine Jimenez Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Benefits) (Employee Services Branch Chief) HRMD - Las Vegas

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----Original Message---From: Parker, Gary
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth <Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Bisa <cunningham.bisa@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Comber, Robert <comber.robert@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha <McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch <Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>; Mairose, Sue <Mairose.Sue@epa.gov>; Davis, Cathy <Davis.Cathy@epa.gov>; Jimenez, Elaine <Jimenez.Elaine@epa.gov>; Brown, Rohn <br/> <br/>

A11,

I have been working with Sue Mairose (Thank you Sue!) on the FAQs and want to be sure you all had a look at them. Please review and provide any recommendations to me soonest, so we can keep our Early Out/Buy Out site up to date. http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/buyouts/index.htm

R, Gary

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/29/2017 2:40:21 PM

**To**: Snowden, Gregory A [Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

## Greg,

I hope all is well. Does OPM have any concerns about EPA's request? We met with OMB yesterday and they only had a few concerns. The major issue was clarifying our budget information. We're working on that piece now and expect to get an update to OMB next week.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 8:52:27 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Draft Employee V/V Communication

Attachments: Final Approved VERA-VSIP Announcement w-MS Edits.docx

#### See attached.

Note "track changes" apparently works differently in Windows 10 (at leat from the editor side) strikeouts don't show as being struck out, and additions done show in a different color as inserted text. SO – my version has additional text in blue, and strikeouts struckout using the font option.

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 4:22 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha <McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: Draft Employee V/V Communication

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

Please review and provide comments ASAP. I need to forward the documents to the SSCs. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Milton, Laura [Milton.Laura@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/31/2017 8:34:49 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

Thank you both!!!

Laura Milton, PMO Administrative Management Division OECA/Office of Administration and Policy US Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-564-6017 milton.laura@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 4:03 PM

**To:** Milton, Laura < Milton.Laura@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

Laura,

You can let them know that select/non-select notices are expected to be sent out around 8/9.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: <u>hunt.loretta@epa.gov</u>

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:29 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart, Debbi@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

Thank you, we'll be super careful. I think if we just report OECA's total number of applicants and our intent to apply flexibility that will make everyone really happy.

One LAST question (and it is the last because I'm going on leave for a week), is there any language that we can share with employees re the change to eligibility notification date? I thought it was going to be included in the request for eOPF pulls but didn't see it there. I don't think everyone knows.

I know you'll miss me when I'm out ;)

Laura Milton, PMO Administrative Management Division OECA/Office of Administration and Policy **US Environmental Protection Agency** 

Phone: 202-564-6017 milton.laura@epa.gov

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Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:22 PM

**To:** Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov > **Subject:** RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

I recommend you keep the information fairly broad (i.e., how many applied) without getting down into the weeds (e.g., how many per group) because eligibility has not been determined.

Loretta L. Hunt
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From: Milton, Laura

**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2017 3:13 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>; Hart, Debbi < <u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

We have so many people asking if we've reached the max, how many per group etc. Larry is interested in sharing some general info with lots of caveats if appropriate.

Laura Milton, PMO
Administrative Management Division
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From: Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]

Sent: 7/31/2017 8:21:13 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Bonner, Jerome [Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov]; Taylor, Jeremy

[Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov]; Atkinson, Ryan [Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov]; Peabody, Hitch [Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Loretta, Thank you!

Regards, Liz

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 12:44 PM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson. Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome < Bonner. Jerome@epa.gov>; Taylor,

Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan <Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch

<Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Liz,

I just asked OPM and OMB if I could modify the overall business case as follows:

Given the pool of available candidates across our program and regional offices, the agency would like to request the flexibility to increase (or decrease) the offer number in one or more categories if necessary, with the understanding that the overall cap for each program or regional office (as identified in sections II-XXIII below) cannot be exceeded.

If they agree, every office will have the flexibility within their overall allotted cap.

I'll let the SSCs know what happens.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 2:19 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt, Loretta @epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome < Bonner, Jerome @epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy

<Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan <Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch <Peabody, Hitch@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Loretta,

While I do not know of any specific customer interest for LV customers – neither have I asked and I am unsure what you mean by "shift allocations"? Do you mean within the broad target pool if one sub-organization exceeds its allocated V/V slots to be approved. (I believe that's what you described on Thursdays call.)

As the plans/coordination upfront did not have the SSCs involved and OHR is serving to coordinate with OPM on agency-wide V/V plans – I would like to suggest that OHR outreach to the POCs that you had worked with on the approved plans to ask all so as to not miss anyone.

I hope that makes sense and is a workable way to ensure all those with V/V approved plans are touched base with appropriately.

If you need me to directly engage customers, would you please let me know who (I presume acting/RHROs/PMOs are the POCs... and provide the language for the specific question(s) to be asked (so we are all asking the same question?)

Regards, Liz

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:59 AM

To: Bonner, Jerome < Bonner, Jerome@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy < Taylor, Jeremy@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan < Atkinson, Ryan@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson, Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch < Peabody, Hitch@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Importance: High

SSC Directors,

Does anyone else have a program or region that wants to shift allocations as long as they do not exceed their max cap? I sent an updated request to OPM on Friday for one region only for another office to ask for the flexibility today.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/27/2017 11:25:58 PM

**To**: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Updated V/V Schedule

Debbi,

Certainly.... Will send before noon Pacific/9 AM Eastern tomorrow⊕

Regards,

Liz

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:48 PM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson. Lizabeth@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated V/V Schedule

Thank you! Can you take a stab at adding a shortened version of the action into the updated schedule? D

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:21 PM To: Hart, Debbi <hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Cc: Coomber, Robert <coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta

< Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti < Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>;

Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Bonner, Jerome

<Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Updated V/V Schedule

Debbi,

Thank you – the overall schedule looks workable.

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My two cents, which is hopefully of constructive help. Thanks for consideration of comment. If this is not the best place to note this requirement/activity of the Program/Regions, perhaps we can dialogue on the call this week (all together) on where/when we should provide the separation/SF-52 and VSIP FPPS action requirement information.

Regards,

Liz

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:04 AM

To: Taylor, Jeremy <a href="mailto:Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov">Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov</a>; Bonner, Jerome <a href="mailto:Bonner\_Jerome@epa.gov">Bonner\_Jerome@epa.gov</a>; Engebretson, Lizabeth

<Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>

Cc: Coomber, Robert < coomber.robert@epa.gov >; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta

<<u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>; Corbett, Krysti <<u>Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov</u>>; Carpenter, Wesley <<u>Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov</u>>;

Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated V/V Schedule

FYI—this got stuck in my Outbox last Friday... Sorry for the delay. D

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 6:03 PM

 $\textbf{To:} \ Taylor, Jeremy < \underline{Taylor\_Jeremy@epa.gov}; \ Bonner, Jerome < \underline{Bonner\_Jerome@epa.gov}; \ Engebretson, \ Lizabeth$ 

<Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>

Cc: Coomber, Robert <coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Loretta Hunt

< Hunt\_Loretta@epa.gov>; Corbett, Krysti < Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley < Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>;

Gray, Linda <gray.linda@epa.gov>
Subject: Updated V/V Schedule

All-

Per our discussion yesterday, please see the attached. Bob and I are comfortable with our front end dates. Please let me know if you have edits or additions from the SSC perspective. Thanks in advance and as you can probably tell, this is truly a living document LOL! Have a great weekend! Debbi

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hart.debbi@epa.gov

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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/14/2017 4:15:08 PM

To: Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: VERA VSIP Applications Received

Do we win a prize if our guess is close?

From: Helm, Arron

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 10:19:07 AM

To: Hart, Debbi Cc: Hunt, Loretta

Subject: Re: VERA VSIP Applications Received

635 applicants is my guess.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks—not bad for day 1 I guess. What is your estimate for what our total will be? I'm doing an informal poll!

From: Helm, Arron

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:49 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart, Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: VERA VSIP Applications Received

FYI. Today's count.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Helm, Arron" < Helm.Arron@epa.gov>
Date: July 13, 2017 at 4:16:42 PM EDT

**To:** "Vizian, Donna" < <u>Vizian.Donna@epa.gov</u>>, "Showman, John" < <u>Showman.John@epa.gov</u>>, "Carter, Rick" < <u>Carter.Rick@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: Fwd: VERA VSIP Applications Received

See below.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martinson, Alice" < Martinson. Alice@epa.gov>

Date: July 13, see2017 at 4:04:38 PM EDT

To: "Helm, Arron" < Helm. Arron@epa.gov >, "Collins, BJ"

<Collins.BJ@epa.gov>, "Carter, Rick" <Carter.Rick@epa.gov>, "Atkinson,

Ryan" < <a href="mailto:Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov">Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov</a>>, "Taylor, Jeremy"

<<u>Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov</u>>, "Bonner, Jerome"

**Cc:** "Mairose, Sue" < <u>Mairose.Sue@epa.gov</u>>, "Davis, Cathy" <Davis.Cathy@epa.gov>, "Jimenez, Elaine" <Jimenez, Elaine@epa.gov> **Subject: VERA VSIP Applications Received** As of 4:00 this afternoon, 278 VERA/VSIP applications have been received agency-wide. Below is the breakdown by Program/Region. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

~ Alice

Alice Martinson
Acting Section Chief, RTP-SSC
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/10/2017 4:03:41 PM

**To**: Fowler, Joshua [Fowler.Joshua@epa.gov]

CC: Coomber, Robert [coomber.robert@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Corbett, Krysti

[Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Re: V/V notices to targeted positions

Importance: High

Joshua,

We need to keep the employee notification method consistent across the AA-ships and regions. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 8:22:15 PM

**To**: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: Draft Employee V/V Communication

Attachments: Final Approved VERA-VSIP Announcement 7-5-17.docx

Importance: High

Detha/Marvin,

Please review and provide comments ASAP. I need to forward the documents to the SSCs. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/31/2017 8:03:23 PM

To: Milton, Laura [Milton.Laura@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

Laura,

You can let them know that select/non-select notices are expected to be sent out around 8/9.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: <u>hunt.loretta@epa.gov</u>

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:29 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

Thank you, we'll be super careful. I think if we just report OECA's total number of applicants and our intent to apply flexibility that will make everyone really happy.

One LAST question (and it is the last because I'm going on leave for a week), is there any language that we can share with employees re the change to eligibility notification date? I thought it was going to be included in the request for eOPF pulls but didn't see it there. I don't think everyone knows.

I know you'll miss me when I'm out ;)

Laura Milton, PMO
Administrative Management Division
OECA/Office of Administration and Policy
US Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-564-6017 milton.laura@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:22 PM

**To:** Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

I recommend you keep the information fairly broad (i.e., how many applied) without getting down into the weeds (e.g., how many per group) because eligibility has not been determined.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Milton, Laura

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 3:13 PM

**To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>; Hart, Debbi < <u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>> **Subject:** Can we communicate general V-V applications numbers with OECA?

We have so many people asking if we've reached the max, how many per group etc. Larry is interested in sharing some general info with lots of caveats if appropriate.

Laura Milton, PMO Administrative Management Division OECA/Office of Administration and Policy US Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-564-6017 milton.laura@epa.gov

To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Cc: Brincks, Mike[brincks.mike@epa.gov]; Mairose, Sue[Mairose.Sue@epa.gov]; Price,

Patricia[price.patricia@epa.gov]; Flournoy, Luetta[Flournoy.Luetta@epa.gov]; Hunt,

Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Krehbiel, Ben

**Sent:** Tue 7/11/2017 2:44:08 PM

Subject: Re: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Thx Debbi --

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Ben

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2017, at 9:06 AM, Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov > wrote:

Hey Mike—

We will need to understand if this changes R7's business case or the max number of offers. I'll contact Ben/Pat to discuss.

Debbi Hart Director

Policy, Planning & Training Division OHR, OARM USEPA 202.564.2011 hart.debbi@epa.gov

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From: Brincks, Mike

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:32 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov > Cc: Mairose, Sue < Mairose. Sue@epa.gov >; Price, Patricia < price.patricia@epa.gov >; Flournoy, Luetta < Flournoy. Luetta@epa.gov >; Krehbiel, Ben < Krehbiel. Ben@epa.gov >

Subject: Need your help - VERA/VSIP Notices - question

Importance: High

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Please contact Ben Krehbiel, Deputy ARA, or Pat Price, RHRO, if you have questions or need to discuss.

We appreciate your help in this matter!

Mike

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### Mike Brincks

**Assistant Regional Administrator** 

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US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

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To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Schulman, Marvin
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 3:50:48 PM

**Subject:** RE: Revised Targeted Positions Template

OW Targeted Positions Template Attachment 3 Final v4 08-03-17.xlsx VERA-VSIP MFR - OW Correction to Location of Targeted 334 Position.docx

Debbi -

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I have included a draft memo for that purpose as the first attachment. The second one is the spreadsheet from Alfredo.

Marvin

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:14 AM

**To:** Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Revised Targeted Positions Template

Marvin- please take a look and let's talk. Thanks.

Debbi Hart Director

Policy, Planning & Training Division OHR, OARM USEPA 202.564.2011 hart.debbi@epa.gov

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From: Torrez, Alfredo

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 6:19 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Cc: Jimenez, Elaine < <u>Jimenez Elaine@epa.gov</u>>
Subject: Revised Targeted Positions Template

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Thanks,

Alfredo Torrez, Associate Director and

**OW Program Management Official** 

Management and Operations Staff

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From: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/5/2017 8:06:16 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: V/V FAQs

Already revised that portion for Bill to upload. Liz also asked a question about peace corps volunteers that we need to answer and send back to SSCs.

Mr. Gary Parker Branch Chief, Workforce Planning USEPA/OARM/OHR (O) 202-564-7421 (M) 202-253-7099

From: Hunt, Loretta

Subject: V/V FAQs Importance: High

Gary, the <u>FAOs</u> need to be revised. The document contains "DRAFT" at the top of the page. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources

U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/10/2017 3:37:54 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]
CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

We wouldn't want them to rush or anything ....

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:34 AM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Showman, John < Showman.John@epa.gov> Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Gray, Linda < gray.linda@epa.gov>; Carpenter, Wesley

<Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Importance: High

Donna/John,

Status of V/V approval below.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Mahoney, Michael J [mailto:Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:32 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Snowden, Gregory A < Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov > Subject: RE: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Yes, should be early this afternoon

From: Hunt, Loretta [mailto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:13 AM

To: Mahoney, Michael J; Snowden, Gregory A

Cc: Hart, Debbi

Subject: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Importance: High

Mike/Gregory,

Is the approval for EPA's request being signed today? Thanks.

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From: Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 8/2/2017 5:19:52 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: V/V

This doesn't address this issue. She did apply in the period identified. ??

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 02, 2017 1:17 PM **To:** Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>

Subject: V/V

It seems like the documentation is what was in the template communications—the application period window-- which was reiterated in multiple senior leadership messages to employees.

General Notice to All Employees in AA-ship/Region

Insert Date

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From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/27/2017 11:09:12 AM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: Update for EPA's VERA/VSIP business case and targeted positions Email 2 of 2

I think it depends who from OMB will be there. If just at Mulligan level you don't need to be there.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 10:16 PM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Do you think I need to go or would it be better if you guys handle?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt Loretta@epa.gov>

**Date:** June 26, 2017 at 5:46:13 PM EDT

To: "Vizian, Donna" < Vizian Donna@epa.gov>, "Showman, John"

<Showman.John@epa.gov>

Cc: "Gray, Linda" <gray.linda@epa.gov>, "Carpenter, Wesley"

<<u>Carpenter Wesley@epa.gov</u>>, "Hart, Debbi" <<u>Hart Debbi@epa.gov</u>>, "Parker,

Gary" <parker\_gary@epa\_gov>, "Terris, Carol" <Terris.Carol@epa\_gov>

Subject: FW: Update for EPA's VERA/VSIP business case and targeted positions Email 2 of 2

Donna,

OMB wants to meet with EPA to discuss the agency's business case.

Loretta L. Hunt
Branch Chief
Policy and Accountability Branch
Policy, Planning and Training Division
Office of Human Resources
U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Grossman, Andrea L. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 5:31 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>;

Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; McNeal, Detha

<<u>McNeal.Detha@epa.gov</u>>; Kuhns, Jason <<u>Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov</u>>; Terris, Carol

<Terris.Carol@epa.gov>; Hickey, Mike J. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Mulligan, James S. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

**Subject:** RE: Update for EPA's VERA/VSIP business case and targeted positions Email 2 of 2

Loretta,

OMB would like to request a presentation from EPA on this VERA/VSIP proposal. We are hoping to get some insight into the broader strategy at play. This could also be an opportunity to informally ask some of our initial questions as we learn more about the package.

Would someone from EPA be available for a meeting this week (potentially Wednesday afternoon, recognizing the time sensitivity of the package)? I can reserve a conference room here at the New Executive Office Building and arrange for building clearance.

Thank you,

Andrea Grossman
Program Examiner, OMB Environment Branch
202-395-4756

From: Hunt, Loretta [ma	lto:Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]	
Sent: Thursday, June 22,	2017 6:52 PM	
To: Hickey, Mike J.	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy	Mahoney, Michael J
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Coleman, Darrell E < Darr	ell.Coleman@opm.gov>; Thornto	n, Cathryn
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Subject: RE: Update for E	PA's VERA/VSIP business case and	d targeted positions Email 2 of
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The document attached replaces document #3 sent on 6/16/17.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.foretta@epa.gov

### OPM and OMB,

EPA's Region 9's office had to revise their information Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process The documents attached should replace documents #4 and #6 that were sent on 6/16/17.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963

Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/31/2017 7:43:38 PM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]; Bonner, Jerome [Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov]; Taylor, Jeremy

[Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov]; Atkinson, Ryan [Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov]; Peabody, Hitch [Peabody.Hitch@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Liz,

I just asked OPM and OMB if I could modify the overall business case as follows:

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If they agree, every office will have the flexibility within their overall allotted cap.

I'll let the SSCs know what happens.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 2:19 PM

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Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

### Loretta,

While I do not know of any specific customer interest for LV customers – neither have I asked and I am unsure what you mean by "shift allocations"? Do you mean within the broad target pool if one sub-organization exceeds its allocated V/V slots to be approved. (I believe that's what you described on Thursdays call.)

As the plans/coordination upfront did not have the SSCs involved and OHR is serving to coordinate with OPM on agency-wide V/V plans – I would like to suggest that OHR outreach to the POCs that you had worked with on the approved plans to ask all so as to not miss anyone.

I hope that makes sense and is a workable way to ensure all those with V/V approved plans are touched base with appropriately.

If you need me to directly engage customers, would you please let me know who (I presume acting/RHROs/PMOs are the POCs... and provide the language for the specific question(s) to be asked (so we are all asking the same question?)

Regards, Liz

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:59 AM

**To:** Bonner, Jerome < Bonner Jerome@epa.gov>; Taylor, Jeremy < Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan < Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Peabody, Hitch < Peabody. Hitch@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: URGENT: V/V Business Cases

Importance: High

SSC Directors,

Does anyone else have a program or region that wants to shift allocations as long as they do not exceed their max cap? I sent an updated request to OPM on Friday for one region only for another office to ask for the flexibility today.

Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov] From:

7/10/2017 3:33:23 PM Sent:

To: Mahoney, Michael J [Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov]; Snowden, Gregory A [Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov] RE: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request Subject:

### Great!!!!!!!!!

Loretta L. Hunt **Branch Chief** Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources

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Yes, should be early this afternoon

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Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:13 AM

To: Mahoney, Michael J; Snowden, Gregory A

Cc: Hart, Debbi

Subject: EPA's VERA/VSIP Request

Importance: High

Mike/Gregory,

Is the approval for EPA's request being signed today? Thanks.

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**Sent**: 6/30/2017 3:28:39 PM

To: Taylor, Jeremy [Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Atkinson, Ryan

[Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov]

**CC**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: OIG V/V

### Jeremy,

Hi – to clarify, once I have more details, our SSC would want to make use of the intake system for the OIG; although their timeline may be different. I believe we used it before, and worked with Arron previously.

We can discuss off line and I will get with Elaine on my team for clarification/history on prior OIG V/V.

Thank you,

Liz

From: Taylor, Jeremy

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:14 AM

To: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth <Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Atkinson, Ryan

<Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OIG V/V

Thanks. So there is no need for them to be built into the system. We have added ERD and they are going to attend the demo today with LV.

Jeremy A. Taylor OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537

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<<u>Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OIG V/V

No- they do theirs independently.

From: Taylor, Jeremy

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:42 AM

To: Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson. Lizabeth@epa.gov >; Atkinson, Ryan < Atkinson. Ryan@epa.gov >

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OIG V/V

Are they on the package that Loretta sent?

Jeremy A. Taylor OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537

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From: Engebretson, Lizabeth

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:13 AM

To: Taylor, Jeremy <a href="mailto:Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov">Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov</a>; Atkinson, Ryan <a href="mailto:Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov">Atkinson.Ryan@epa.gov</a>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: OIG V/V

Jeremy and Ryan,

As an FYI - I have word (without details) of the OIG also putting together V/V package. I have heard the OIG will share the plan with Elaine and myself soon; so wanted to outreach as the intake system will also need to be workable for OIG. When I know more, will share asap.

Regards,

Liz

To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Cc: Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Schulman, Marvin[Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

From: Lane, Vicki

**Sent:** Mon 7/10/2017 3:23:39 PM

**Subject:** RE: V/V Communication Templates - Can we add Attachment A?

Hi Debbi,

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Regards, Vicki

415-972-3827

From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2017 6:31 AM **To:** Lane, Vicki < Lane. Vicki@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: V/V Communication Templates - Can we add Attachment A?

Hey Vicki-

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Call me if you would like to discuss. Debbi

Debbi Hart Director

Policy, Planning & Training Division OHR, OARM USEPA 202.564.2011 From: Lane, Vicki

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:34 PM To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >

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Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >; Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: V/V Communication Templates - Can we add Attachment A?

Hi Debbi,

In Loretta's absence, I propose one additional paragraph be added to the general notice. I've highlighted the additions in green.

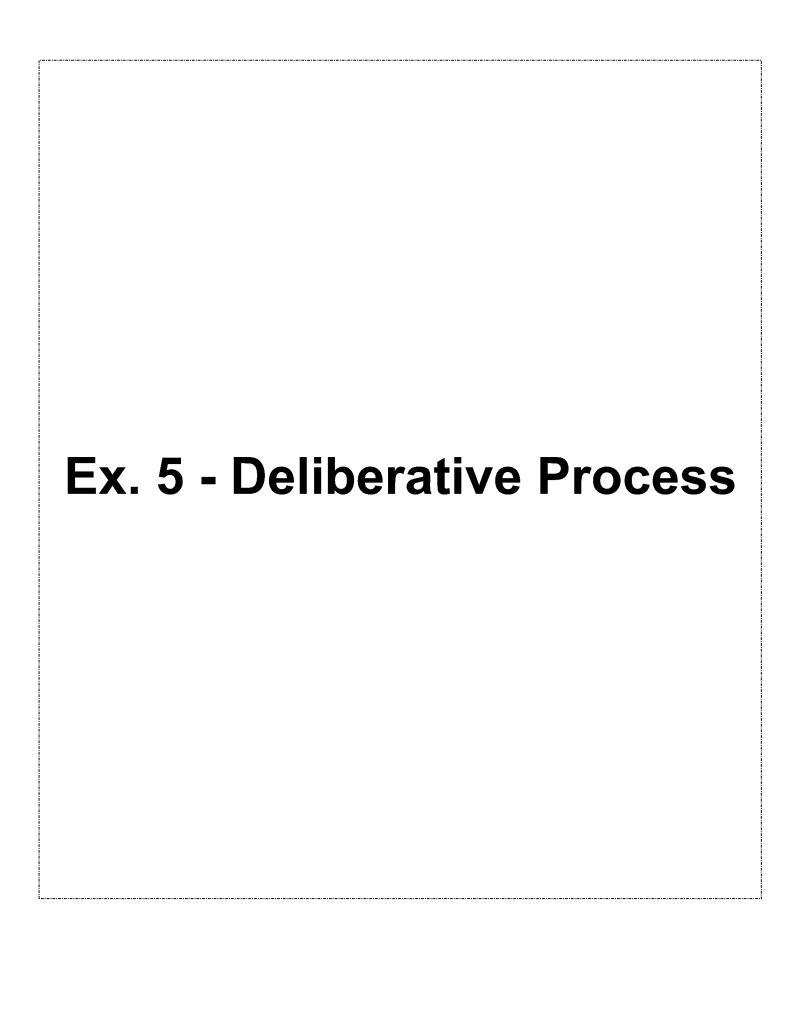
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Regards, Vicki

415-972-3827

**MEMORANDUM** 

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process



From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 6:45 PM
To: Lane, Vicki < Lane. Vicki@epa.gov>

Subject: Automatic reply: V/V Communication Templates

I am out of the office 7/7/17. If you require immediate assistance, please contact Marvin Schulman at <a href="mailto:schulman.marvin@epa.gov">schulman.marvin@epa.gov</a> or 202-564-7778. Or, I will respond to your message when I am back in the office. Thank you.

To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Cc: Terris, Carol[Terris.Carol@epa.gov]

From: Remmers, Janet

**Sent:** Sat 7/1/2017 10:15:50 AM

Subject: FW: ORD Business Case Updated per agency guidance

ORD VERA-VSIP Business Case - 6.30.17.docx

Janet Remmers, Ph.D.

**RPROS** 

Office of Budget/OCFO

Mail code: 2732A

office: 202-564-0548

aws: 301-593-7870

From: Kanet, Audrey

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:45 PM

**To:** Remmers, Janet < Remmers. Janet@epa.gov > **Cc:** Vaughan, Pat < Vaughan. Pat@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: ORD Business Case Updated per agency guidance

Updated. Please reply directly to me and Pat if additional changes are required.



U.S. EPA | ORD | OARS | HRD

Management & Program Analyst

Phone: (513) 487-2098

From: Remmers, Janet

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:59 PM

To: Vaughan, Pat < Vaughan. Pat@epa.gov >

Cc: Steenbock, John < Steenbock. John @epa.gov >; Gonzalez, Daniel

< <u>Gonzalez.Daniel@epa.gov</u>>; Kanet, Audrey < <u>kanet.audrey@epa.gov</u>>; Burman, Eric < <u>Burman.Eric@epa.gov</u>>; Ajabi, Laurel < <u>Ajabi.Laurel@epa.gov</u>>; Heckman, Deborah

< <u>Heckman.Deborah@epa.gov</u>>; Radzikowski, Mary Ellen < <u>Radzikowski.Maryellen@epa.gov</u>>;

Terris, Carol < Terris. Carol@epa.gov>

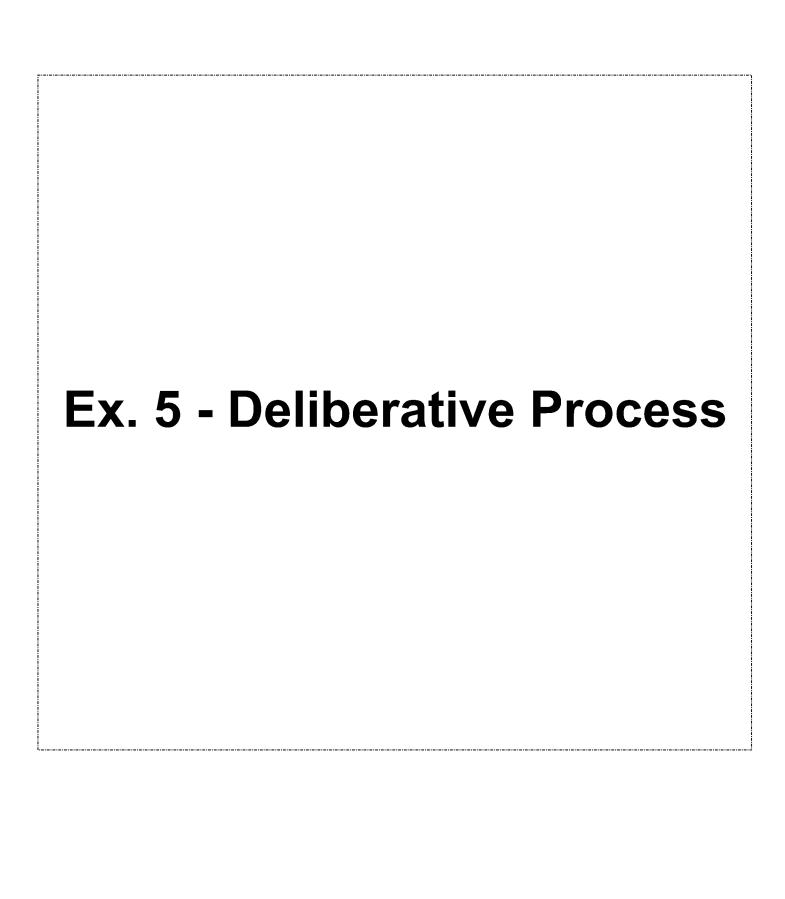
Subject: RE: ORD Business Case Updated per agency guidance

Pat,

A few problems that need correcting.

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Thanks



Janet Remmers, Ph.D.

**RPROS** 

Office of Budget/OCFO

Mail code: 2732A

office: 202-564-0548

aws: 301-593-7870

From: Vaughan, Pat

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:47 PM

To: Remmers, Janet < Remmers. Janet@epa.gov >; Terris, Carol < Terris. Carol@epa.gov >

Cc: Steenbock, John <Steenbock.John@epa.gov>; Gonzalez, Daniel

< <u>Gonzalez.Daniel@epa.gov</u>>; Kanet, Audrey < <u>kanet.audrey@epa.gov</u>>; Burman, Eric < <u>Burman.Eric@epa.gov</u>>; Ajabi, Laurel < <u>Ajabi.Laurel@epa.gov</u>>; Heckman, Deborah

<a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:Radzikowski"><u>Radzikowski.Maryellen@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: ORD Business Case Updated per agency guidance

Importance: High

Janet,

Attached is ORD's updated business case with the revised tables, as requested. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Pat Vaughan

Director, Human Resources Division

ORD/Office of Administrative and Research Support

919-541-4912

919-406-4424 (cell)

https://intranet.ord.epa.gov/oars/home





From: Helm, Arron [Helm.Arron@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/6/2017 3:33:54 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Draft V/V Communications

Attachments: image001.png; ATT00001.htm; Final Approved VERA-VSIP Announcement 7-5-17.docx; ATT00002.htm

Is this the final version of the notice that will go out from the RA/AAs to employees?

From: Atkinson, Ryan

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Helm, Arron < Helm.Arron@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Draft V/V Communications

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Taylor, Jeremy" < Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov>

**Date:** July 6, 2017 at 11:24:54 AM EDT

To: "Atkinson, Ryan" < Atkinson Ryan@epa.gov >, "Davis, Cathy" < Davis Cathy@epa.gov >,

"Martinson, Alice" < Martinson, Alice@epa.gov > Subject: FW: Draft V/V Communications

Jeremy A. Taylor OARM-RTP-HRMD Director 919-541-0537

From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/10/2017 3:09:57 PM

To: Snowden, Gregory A [Gregory.Snowden@opm.gov]; Mahoney, Michael J [Mike.Mahoney@opm.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: Question about VERA/VSIP Repayment

Reminder Thanks

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 5:07 PM

To: 'Snowden, Gregory A' < Gregory. Snowden@opm.gov>; 'Mahoney, Michael J' < Mike. Mahoney@opm.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: Question about VERA/VSIP Repayment

Gregory,

I received the following question:

If a former Peace Corps/VISTA volunteer separates under VSIP and returns to Peace Corps/VISTA service within less than five years of separating from EPA, are they required to pay back the VSIP to EPA?

I'm inclined to say yes because 5 CFR 576 states:

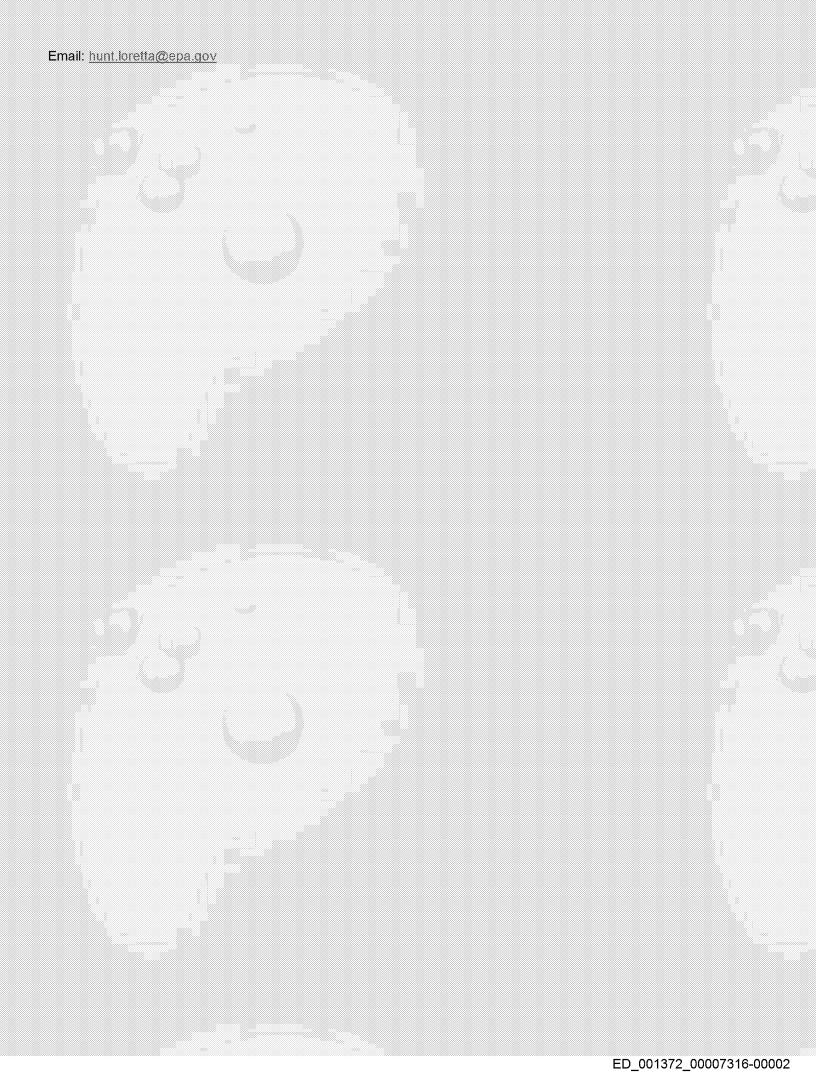
An executive branch employee who received a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment as described in subpart A of this part *and accepts any employment for compensation with the Government of the United States* within 5 years after the date of the separation on which the payment is based must repay the entire amount of the Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment to the agency that paid it before the individual's first day of reemployment.

While VISTA/Peace Corps volunteers aren't executive branch employees, VISTA/Peace Corps are Government organizations that pay stipends to volunteers.

Am I correct or incorrect? Thanks for any assitance you can provide.

Loretta L. Hunt
Branch Chief
Policy and Accountability Branch
Policy, Planning and Training Division
Office of Human Resources
U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963



From: Kirkland, William [Kirkland.William@epa.gov]

Sent: 7/13/2017 8:27:23 PM

**To**: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Coomber, Robert [coomber.robert@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Need documents uploaded to the intranet

We are LIVE!!!! Thank you.

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:08 PM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Coomber, Robert <coomber.robert@epa.gov>; Daymude, Breton

<Daymude.Breton@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ed <Campbell.Ed@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Need documents uploaded to the intranet

Thanks, looks good.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Kirkland, William

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Apart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi@epa.gov</a>; Coomber, Robert <a href="mailto:Coomber.robert@epa.gov">Coomber.robert@epa.gov</a>; Daymude, Breton

<<u>Daymude.Breton@epa.gov></u>; Campbell, Ed <<u>Campbell.Ed@epa.gov></u>

Subject: RE: Need documents uploaded to the intranet

Hello All.

This is what we have for you at this time:

Please review and we can post the Live (Non-compliant) information now. Please let me know. Thank you.

It's going to take some time to make the PDF Loretta wants up 508 compliant.

I put a placeholder (non compliant) PDF up for now, just so she can have her documents up today.

Here is the staging page so she can see:

http://webdev2.rtpnc.epa.gov/intranet/epahriis/web/policy/buyouts/index.html

We will work tomorrow to get a compliant version of the PDF up tomorrow and then I'll just swap the documents out.

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:35 PM

To: Kirkland, William < Kirkland. William@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Coomber, Robert < coomber.robert@epa.gov >

Subject: Need documents uploaded to the intranet

Importance: High

Bill,

I need the attached documents to be uploaded to the <u>V/V page</u>. Titles as shown in red below. Thanks.

- VERA Guide (PDF) (20 pp, 337 K)
- VSIP Guide (PDF) (23 pp, 595 K)
- VERA/VSIP FAQs (9 pp., 90 KB)
- OPM VERA
- OPM VSIP
- OPM Reshaping
- OPM Reassignment
- HR Navigator (Registration Required)
- FHR Navigator Webinar (PDF) (29 pp, 1.2 M8)
- Retirement Seminars Schedule (PDF) (2 pp, 124 K)
- VERA VSIP OVERVIEW Video (43 min., 106 MB)
- EPA Business Case
- EPA Targeted Positions

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

**From**: Bonner, Jerome [Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/29/2017 8:27:04 PM

**To**: Shepherd, Jackie [Shepherd.Jackie@epa.gov]

CC: Taylor, Jeremy [Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov]; Engebretson, Lizabeth [Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi

[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: FFPS Down time

### Jackie

Thanks! It did not appear we should have any issues with processing actions during the anticipated timelines.

Thanks for the quick reply!

Jerome W. Bonner

**Environmental Protection Agency** 

Office of Administration and Resources Management - Cincinnati

Director, Human Resources

Cincinnati Human Resources Shared Service Center

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From: Shepherd, Jackie

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:50 PM

To: Bonner, Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>

Cc: Taylor, Jeremy <Taylor.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Engebretson, Lizabeth <Engebretson.Lizabeth@epa.gov>; Hart,

Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta <Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: FFPS Down time

Hello Mr. B:

Yes, see below and see attached processing schedules. Let me know if you need me to do some outreach to explore extra processing schedules for EPA.

August 10-13, 2017 (the system goes down at 12:00 PM EST on the 10th and these dates include a Saturday and Sunday)

September 4th (holiday)

**Jackie Shepherd** 

Office of Human Resources Information Technology Division

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First Wk of Pay Period: 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM daily, off Friday

Second Wk of Pay Period: 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM daily, 6:30 AM -3:00 PM Friday

From: Bonner, Jerome

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:41 PM

To: Shepherd, Jackie < Shepherd. Jackie@epa.gov >

Cc: Taylor, Jeremy < Taylor Jeremy@epa.gov >; Engebretson, Lizabeth < Engebretson Lizabeth@epa.gov >; Bonner,

Jerome <Bonner.Jerome@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta

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Hi Jackie

Are there any scheduled FPPS down time "maintenance" during August and September 2017? I believe I have noticed down time around holidays.

I asking due to any potential downtime when processing VERA/VSIP retirement actions?

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Jerome W. Bonner

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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/8/2017 5:16:58 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: call tomorrow

Yes, I answered all of these questions but I guess the ARAs want it straight from our mouths.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 1:07 PM

To: Hitchens, Lynnann <a href="mailto:hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov">hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov</a>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: call tomorrow

It's on my calendar from tomorrow from 12-12:30. I think Andrea already posed and received answers to most of these questions from Loretta last week. Wes/Linda should be included.

Debbi Hart
Director
Policy, Planning & Training Division
OHR, OARM
USEPA
202.564.2011
hart.debbi@epa.gov

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From: Hitchens, Lynnann

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 12:10 PM To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

Subject: call tomorrow

The Lead Region is pushing to have a call with us TOMORROW for the HROs and ARAs. Andrea may have talked to Loretta. Below is the first cut at questions (in the invite). Can you guys make it? Do I need to add Linda and Wes to this invite?

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Lynnann Hitchens Acting Director, Office of Resources, Operations and Management Office of Administration and Resources Management

P: 202-564-3184

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To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Willig, Jeanine[willig.jeanine@epa.gov]

From: Parker, Gary

**Sent:** Mon 5/22/2017 4:45:37 PM

Subject: RE: R9 Inquiry

I will contact her.

Mr. Gary Parker

Branch Chief, Workforce Planning

USEPA/OARM/OHR

(O) 202-564-7421

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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:45 PM

**To:** Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>; Willig, Jeanine <willig.jeanine@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: R9 Inquiry

Per my v-mail on this topic. Can someone please connect with Vicki? Thanks. Debbi

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lane, Vicki" < Lane. Vicki@epa.gov > Date: May 22, 2017 at 12:30:23 PM EDT

To: "Kuhns, Jason" < Kuhns. Jason@epa.gov >, "Hart, Debbi" < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >

Cc: "Hunt, Loretta" < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

**Subject: R9 Inquiry** 

Hi Jason,

I'm sorry I missed your call on Friday. I just now picked up the message. I'd like to connect to answer your questions.

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Regards, Vicki J. Lane

Human Resources Officer, Region 9

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

75 Hawthorne Street, Mail Code: EMD-2

San Francisco, CA 94105

Email: lane.vicki@epa.gov

Phone: 415-972-3827

To: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Mon 5/8/2017 4:20:08 PM

Subject: FW: OARM Draft V/V Business Case Ideas

**OGC** 

Loretta L. Hunt

**Branch Chief** 

Policy and Accountability Branch

Policy, Planning and Training Division

Office of Human Resources

U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963

Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Vizian, Donna

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 2:56 PM

To: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >

Subject: FW: OARM Draft V/V Business Case Ideas

From: Minoli, Kevin

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 1:06 PM

**To:** Vizian, Donna < <u>Vizian.Donna@epa.gov</u>>; Hitchens, Lynnann

< hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>

Cc: Packard, Elise < Packard. Elise @epa.gov>

Subject: Re: OARM Draft V/V Business Case Ideas

Donna and Lynnann- Thank you for sending OARM's draft business case. Below is what we have prepared for OGC. Is this sufficient at this stage or does it need to be more developed along the lines of OARM's?

Thanks, Kevin & Elise

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Kevin S. Minoli Acting General Counsel Office of General Counsel US Environmental Protection Agency Main Office Line: 202-564-8040

On May 4, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov > wrote:

Hi Everyone,

I thought it might helpful to share what we have developed. The bold would be the business case themes. The goal would to be find common themes across the agency to write to one business case. If you have any questions, Lynnann Hitchens has been the lead here is OARM.

Best,
Donna
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From: Minoli, Kevin [Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/7/2017 9:33:24 PM

To: Martinez, Gwendolyn [Martinez.Gwendolyn@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Packard, Elise [Packard.Elise@epa.gov];

Lattimore, Kraig [lattimore.kraig@epa.gov]; Lee, Terry [lee.terry@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: OGC VERA/VSIP Business Case -- Due to OARM/OHR Today, June 6, 2017

Hi Folks- Just checking to see if we've been able to send over the final version? Kevin

Kevin S. Minoli
Acting General Counsel
Office of General Counsel
US Environmental Protection Agency
Main Office Line: 202-564-8040

On Jun 7, 2017, at 8:03 AM, Martinez, Gwendolyn <a href="mailto:Martinez.Gwendolyn@epa.gov">Martinez.Gwendolyn@epa.gov</a>> wrote:

Thank you Loretta.

I will get back to you this morning.

On Jun 6, 2017, at 5:44 PM, Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov> wrote:

Gwen,

The business case is fine. The budget information on pg. 2 of the business case needs to be completed. Thanks.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

From: Martinez, Gwendolyn

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:35 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >
Cc: Minoli, Kevin < Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov >; Packard, Elise < Packard.Elise@epa.gov >;
Lattimore, Kraig < lattimore.kraig@epa.gov >; Lee, Terry < lee.terry@epa.gov >

Subject: OGC VERA/VSIP Business Case -- Due to OARM/OHR Today, June 6, 2017

Importance: High

Hello Loretta and Debbi.

Attached are the OGC Senior Management approved VERA/VSIP business case write-up and supporting documentation in support of OGC's targeted positions for retirement, restructuring and/or elimination.

Please let me know if you require additional information or clarification.

Thank you.

Gwen Gwen Martinez RMO HR Team Lead Office of General Counsel U.S. Environmental Protection Agency martinez.gwendolyn@epa.gov 202-564-1644 office

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From: Milton, Laura [Milton.Laura@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/6/2017 6:56:31 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: FW: Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

Hi Debbie/Loretta, I'm so glad you love getting questions from us! ;) **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** employees, does this mean we should limit our actions to details until V/V selection is complete?

Laura Milton, PMO Administrative Management Division OECA/Office of Administration and Policy US Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-564-6017 milton.laura@epa.gov

From: Starfield, Lawrence

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:59 AM **To:** Milton, Laura < Milton. Laura@epa.gov>

Cc: Layne, Kenda <Layne.Kenda@epa.gov>; Badalamente, Mark <Badalamente.Mark@epa.gov>; Miles, Erin

<Miles.Erin@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

FYI. Please share, as appropriate.

From: Vizian, Donna

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:39 AM

To: 2017HQfirstassistants <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>; 2017Regionfirstassistants

<2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>; ARA <ARA@epa.gov>; DAA-Career <DAACareer@epa.gov>; DRA <DRA@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Kart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>; Carpenter, Wesley <a href="mailto:Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov">Carpenter.Wesley@epa.gov</a>; Gray, Linda

<gray.linda@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Freeze of Targeted V/V Positions

OPM's VERA guidance requires that VERA eligible employees serve in a position for a minimum time specified by OPM (usually 30 days prior to the date of the agency request). Given the current schedule for submitting our V/V business case later this month, please be aware that movement in and out of all targeted positions through reassignments, reorganizations, etc. must cease effective immediately. The prohibition on movement in and out of targeted positions extends to VSIP targeted positions too.

Lane, Vicki [Lane.Vicki@epa.gov] From:

5/22/2017 4:30:23 PM Sent:

To: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

CC: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

Subject: **R9 Inquiry** 

Hi Jason,

I'm sorry I missed your call on Friday. I just now picked up the message. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Regards, Vicki J. Lane Human Resources Officer, Region 9 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 75 Hawthorne Street, Mail Code: EMD-2

San Francisco, CA 94105 Email: lane.vicki@epa.gov Phone: 415-972-3827

To: Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna[Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Cc: Packard, Elise[Packard.Elise@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

From: Hitchens, Lynnann

**Sent:** Mon 5/8/2017 3:54:31 PM

Subject: RE: OARM Draft V/V Business Case Ideas

Kevin -

I'm cc:ing Debbi Hart on this.

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Lynnann Hitchens

Acting Director, Office of Resources, Operations and Management

Office of Administration and Resources Management

P: 202-564-3184

M: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Minoli, Kevin

**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>; Hitchens, Lynnann

<a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:linear.gov">hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov">

Cc: Packard, Elise < Packard. Elise@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: OARM Draft V/V Business Case Ideas

Hi Donna and Lynnann- I wanted to check back in on this in case you need us to make any changes. Thanks, Kevin

Kevin S. Minoli Acting General Counsel Office of General Counsel US Environmental Protection Agency Main Office Line: 202-564-8040

On May 5, 2017, at 1:06 PM, Minoli, Kevin < Minoli. Kevin@epa.gov > wrote:

Donna and Lynnann- Thank you for sending OARM's draft business case. Below is what

we have prepared for OGC. Is this sufficient at this stage or does it need to be more developed along the lines of OARM's?

Thanks, Kevin & Elise

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Kevin S. Minoli Acting General Counsel Office of General Counsel US Environmental Protection Agency Main Office Line: 202-564-8040

On May 4, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov > wrote:

Hi Everyone,

I thought it might helpful to share what we have developed. The bold would be the business case themes. The goal would to be find common themes across the agency to write to one business case. If you have any questions, Lynnann Hitchens has been the

lead here is OARM.
Best,
Donna
<oarm 17.docx="" 4="" 5="" business="" case="" one="" page=""></oarm>

To: Monroe, Scott[Monroe.Scott@epa.gov]

Cc: Schulman, Marvin[Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary[parker.gary@epa.gov]

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 4:20:49 PM
Subject: FW: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal
OAR Targeted Positions Template from OHR).xlsx
OAR V-V Business Case Checklist May 24.docx

Scott,

A minor concern about OAR's submission:

### Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Loretta L. Hunt

**Branch Chief** 

Policy and Accountability Branch

Policy, Planning and Training Division

Office of Human Resources

U.S. EPA

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From: Monroe, Scott

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:13 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi < <u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Shaw, Betsy < Shaw. Betsy@epa.gov >; Kutzke, Julie < Kutzke. Julie@epa.gov >; Monroe,

Scott < Monroe. Scott@epa.gov>

Subject: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Debbi,

Please find attached documents constituting OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal, as requested by Acting Assistant Administrator Donna Vizian on April 17. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process Please contact me or Julie Kutzke (564-2989) with questions or if you need further information.

Scott Monroe

Program Management Official

Office of Air and Radiation

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**To:** Graf, Kate[Graf.Kate@epa.gov]

Cc: Schulman, Marvin[Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary[parker.gary@epa.gov]

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Tue 5/30/2017 3:58:30 PM

Subject: FW: OCSPP Business Case - REVISED

OCSPP Org Chart 5-24.17.pptx OPP Org Chart 5-23-2017.pptx

Proposed OPP Org Chart 5-23-2017.pptx

OCSPP Draft V-V Business Case.REVISED 5.25.17 clean.docx

OCSPP Draft V-V Business Case.REVISED 5.25.17 track changes.docx

OCSPP Targeted Positions Template.revised on 5.25.17.xlsx

Kate,

We have a few comments on OCSPP's submission.

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Loretta L. Hunt

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U.S. EPA

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From: Graf, Kate

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:36 AM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov > Cc: Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy < Cleland-Hamnett. Wendy @epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar <Morales.Oscar@epa.gov>; Berkley, Bruce

<Berkley.Bruce@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: OCSPP Business Case - REVISED

**Importance:** High

Debbi and Loretta,

We had a miscommunication internally and had to fix a couple of things this morning. I've included a revised excel sheet and a revised business case. I've also put on here a track changes version in case you have already begun to work on what I sent in last night.

Thanks,

Kate

From: Graf, Kate

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:40 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov > Cc: Wise, Louise < Wise. Louise@epa.gov>; Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy < Cleland-

Hamnett.Wendy@epa.gov>; Morales, Oscar < Morales.Oscar@epa.gov>; Berkley, Bruce

<Berkley.Bruce@epa.gov> **Subject:** OCSPP Business Case

Hi Debbi and Loretta,

Attached is our 2 page business case, spreadsheet and org charts. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Please let me know if you

have any questions.

Kate Graf
PMO
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
202/564-0193

Kate

From: Vaughan, Pat [Vaughan.Pat@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 7/26/2017 9:10:36 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Question on VERA/VSIP

When/if you hear anything, let me know, as I've been told they want this ASAP (as in tomorrow).

Pat Vaughan

Director, Human Resources Division

ORD/Office of Administrative and Research Support

919-541-4912

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https://intranet.ord.epa.gov/oars/home

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:04 PM

To: Vaughan, Pat <Vaughan.Pat@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Question on VERA/VSIP

Pat,

I don't know anything about this and have reached out to the SSCs to see if they know anything.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.foretta@epa.gov

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From: Vaughan, Pat

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:52 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov >

Subject: Question on VERA/VSIP

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Pat Vaughan

Director, Human Resources Division ORD/Office of Administrative and Research Support 919-541-4912

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<u> https://intranet.ord.epa.gov/oars/home</u>

From: Torrez, Alfredo [Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/22/2017 12:29:58 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**CC**: Stevens, Robert [Stevens.Robert@epa.gov]

**Subject**: V/V Question

### Good morning,

Question for you regarding V/V. Does the V/V process affect an employee on detail? If so, how? We have at least one employee on detail who is interested in taking an early out/buyout. Are there any other considerations for employees temporarily out of their position of record?

### Thanks,

Alfredo Torrez, Associate Director and OW Program Management Official Management and Operations Staff Office of Water, Office of the Assistant Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Room 3311C WJC East (4101M)

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From: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/30/2017 3:57:07 PM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: 20170530 VERA VSIP For Agency.xlsx **Attachments**: 20170530 VERA VSIP For Agency.xlsx

### Donna,

Attached are updated numbers. Ruth in OCFO provided numbers to me over the phone due to the final sheet still in with David Blum and not released. Still waiting for R6 to tell us which appropriations are impacted by the 10.5 max offer increase they submitted.

R, Gary **To:** Hitchens, Lynnann[hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov]

Cc: Hart, Debbi[Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta[Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

From: Westenberger, Andrea
Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 6:15:49 PM

Subject: RE: Question about internal merit promotion and safe positions

Will do. I sent to yesterday DARAs but not HROs.

Thanks,

Andrea

### Andrea Westenberger

Lead Region Coordinator for OCFO & OARM

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From: Hitchens, Lynnann

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 5:52 AM

To: Westenberger, Andrea < Westenberger. Andrea @epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Question about internal merit promotion and safe positions

Andrea – you may want to distribute this to the HROs, in case the ARAs don't forward it on.

Thanks!

### Lynnann Hitchens

Acting Director, Office of Resources, Operations and Management

Office of Administration and Resources Management

P: 202-564-3184

M: 202-617-0738

From: Showman, John

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:25 PM

To: ARA <<u>ARA@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Vizian, Donna < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov >; Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov >; Hunt,

Loretta < Hunt. Loretta @epa.gov>; Hitchens, Lynnann < hitchens.lynnann@epa.gov>

Subject: Question about internal merit promotion and safe positions

At the ARA call earlier this week, there was a question if vacated "safe positions" could be competed.

OPM's revised VSIP template addresses safe positions (attached, pg. 2, first paragraph):

The agency's targeted population chart, "... may include additional categories of employees beyond those whose positions are directly targeted for elimination/restructuring (i.e., positions that are not the main focus for reduction/restructuring/elimination, but which are included in the VSIP offering only to the extent that they may provide a placement for an employee whose position will be reduced/restructured/eliminated.)

The "safe position" option assumes the employees who remain would meet the qualifications for the "safe" positions. "Safe positions" do not have to be restructured if vacated. OPM recognizes that VERA and VSIP are voluntary attrition authorities and

that not every employee in a targeted position is able/wants to retire and/or resign. As with other federal workforce restructuring authorities (e.g., RIF), the agency has the ability to reassign employees to minimize the impact of its restructuring efforts.

The use of MP procedures would negate the purpose of designating a "safe position" since: the agency would be unable to limit the area of consideration to just employees whose positions were targeted for restructuring/elimination; and management has the right to select or not select from a group of certified eligibles. Also, it could be perceived V-V is being used to move people out in order to promote others.

Please let Debbi, Loretta or me know if you have further questions. Thanks.

John L Showman III, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Administration and Resources Management

US Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-5341

From: Sanders, Amy

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 1:30 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

**Cc:** Lindsay, Nancy <<u>Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov</u>>; Helm, Arron <<u>Helm.Arron@epa.gov</u>>; Showman, John <<u>Showman.John@epa.gov</u>>; Hart, Debbi <<u>Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</u>>; Breneman,

Sara < breneman.sara@epa.gov>

Subject: Question about internal merit promotion and safe positions

Loretta,

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Thanks,

**Amy Sanders** 

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From: Allen, Reginald [Allen.Reginald@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/5/2017 9:09:55 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

CC: Reeder, John [Reeder.John@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Lesperance, Twanna

[Lesperance.Twanna@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Attachments: AO Reshaping Proposal-Final.docx

Please find attached AO's Workforce Reshaping Proposal – one pager.

Best Reggie

Reginald E. Allen, SES

Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office 202-564-0444 Direct 202-564-1029 Cell 202-306-2879

From: Reeder, John

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 8:37 PM

To: Allen, Reginald <Allen.Reginald@epa.gov>; Lesperance, Twanna <Lesperance.Twanna@epa.gov>; Cuscino, Glen

<Cuscino.Glen@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Let's discuss tomorrow. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vizian, Donna" < Vizian. Donna@epa.gov>

To: "2017HQfirstassistants" <2017HQfirstassistants@epa.gov>, "2017Regionfirstassistants"

<2017Regionfirstassistants@epa.gov>

Cc: "DAA-Career" < DAACareer@epa.gov>, "DRA" < DRA@epa.gov>, "ARA" < ARA@epa.gov>, "Gray,

Linda" <gray.linda@epa.gov>, "Hart, Debbi" <Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

HI Everyone,

Following up on Mike's message, attached is the material to guide you through your workforce reshaping submission which should focus on your current organizational structure and achieving efficiencies. As we agreed, the first step will be for each NPM to work with the lead region to draft a proposal for their programs where appropriate. The submission should be no more than one page and sent to Debbi Hart with a copy to me by May 5<sup>th</sup>. OARM will compile this information and schedule a meeting for us to discuss. This does not prohibit a reshaping that is specific to your office.

The attached VERA/VSIP materials is intended to guide your submission of a brief, office-specific business case and a spreadsheet of your targeted positions. Remember that this time around we are looking to compiling all office-specific information into one agency-level business case. Specifically you

must review the **VERA/VSIP Checklist** and follow the instructions there to complete your office's 2-page business case. You must also populate the **Targeted Positions Template** Excel file for your office (this spreadsheet is pre-populated with VERA/VSIP eligibility data for your office). The other attached files provide you with VERA/VSIP background information and guidance as you prepare your submittals (see listing and explanation below).

Your office submittals will be compiled into one, agency-level VERA/VSIP proposal that will ultimately be submitted to OPM and OMB for review and approval. Your program or regional office must provide the following documentation to Debbi Hart, director, Policy, Planning and Training Divisions, no later than May 24, 2017.

- 1. Two-page summary of your business case (following the detailed instructions in the VERA/VSIP Business Case Checklist attached)
- 2. Completed Targeted Positions Template for your office (Excel file attached)
- 3. Current and proposed post VERA/VSIP organization chart for your office

Should you have questions, please contact me at (202) 564-4600 or Linda Gray, director, Office of Human Resources, at (202) 564-4606. Please have your staff contact Debbi Hart or Loretta Hunt.

Best, Donna

### List of Attachments

- 1. V-V Business Case Checklist Follow checklist to complete your two-page business case.
- 2. Targeted Positions Template Pre-populated with your office's V/V eligibility numbers; complete for your office Targeted Positions (columns F-S).
- 3. VERA/VSIP Overview PowerPoint review for a quick refresh on V/V authorities and a description of this year's submittal process.
- 4. Guiding Questions suggestions for workforce reshaping drivers, skill set needs and other items to consider as you develop your business case.
- 5. Example Theme and Justifications an example theme focused on reducing the number of nonsupervisory, high-graded (i.e., GS 13, 14 and 15) positions and a listing of past V/V justifications.
- 6. VERA and VSIP Guides from OPM provide additional details on the two authorities.

From: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/19/2017 1:13:20 PM

**To:** Shanahan, Katherine [Shanahan.Katherine@epa.gov]

CC: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]; Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Subject**: RE: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Attachments: V.V eligibility guidelines.xlsx

### Kathie,

### Response to your questions:

1) The data was pulled on 4/5/17, so there is potential for changes since then.

- 2) The retirement eligibility and VERA eligibility are based on 4/30/17. I was unsure when this information was going to be used so I looked at a date in the near future.
- 3) The VSIP eligibility guidelines are attached, these come from OPM's website: <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/workforce-restructuring/voluntary-separation-incentive-payments/">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/workforce-restructuring/voluntary-separation-incentive-payments/</a>.
- 4) The early retirement information is based on an Early Out date generated in the system. This indicates when an employee reaches the 50/20 or 25 years at any age. And it bases the years of service on the Date Service Comp Retire.

#### Thanks,

Jason Kuhns
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From: Hart, Debbi

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:07 PM

To: Kuhns, Jason < Kuhns. Jason@epa.gov>; Shanahan, Katherine < Shanahan. Katherine@epa.gov>

Cc: Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Hey Kathie-

Nice to hear from you. Jason should be able to answer your questions. Look forward to connecting at some point! Hang tough. Debbi

From: Shanahan, Katherine

Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:23 PM To: Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>

**Subject:** EPA Workforce Reshaping Information

Hi Debbi -

Hope you are surviving. Things are intense everywhere I am sure. My ARA has shared with me the data from Donna's message and I was on the ARA call. As I think you probably suspect, I had already run data for myself using all of the different retirement eligibilities. In addition to the reports supplied to us yesterday, we looked at the dashboard numbers last week of retirement eligible and it appears to me that data included those with the 50/20 eligibility but not 25years at any age. Not sure if you also generated that info but if so, am I correct and was there any particular reason the 25 years at any age was excluded?

As the raw data for our region is either locked or hidden, we cannot look at it to see why our numbers differ from yours. Something just seems off between your data and what I have already pulled and analyzed for my region.

Would you be able to answer the questions below or direct me to whoever ran the data on your staff so we could discuss it?

- 1) What payperiod the data was pulled;
- 2) Table Tab Colume C What date was used to determine Retirement Eligible? Is someone considered eligible by September 30, 2017, or was it done by eligible the date the data was pulled? Same question for Column D VERA.
- 3) Table Tab Column E "VSIP" How was the VISP # generated?

Thanks so much for taking the time to answer my questions. Hope to talk soon

Kathie

From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/5/2017 8:54:59 PM

**To**: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Fwd: R9 VERA/VSIP Themes

Attachments: R9 VERA-VSIP FY17 Draft 5-4-17.docx; ATT00001.htm

# Begin forwarded message:

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Date: May 5, 2017 at 3:58:55 PM EDT

To: "Vizian, Donna" < Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>

Cc: "Showman, John" <Showman.John@epa.gov>, "Jordan, Deborah" <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>,

"McIlwain, Serena" < McIlwain.Serena@epa.gov>

**Subject: R9 VERA/VSIP Themes** 

Look forward to refining this further with OARM's input. Wishing you both a good weekend, Alexis

Alexis Strauss Acting Regional Administrator E.P.A. Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105 415-972-3572

From: Chang, Ming [Chang.Ming@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/18/2017 6:57:29 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: Fwd: Memo from the Acting Deputy Administrator: Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Workforce

Attachments: Reforming the Federal Government.Flynn.4.17.17.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sp now you guys have 6 mos to put a VERA/VSIP in place?! OMG.

**Subject:** Memo from the Acting Deputy Administrator: Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Workforce

Please see the attached memorandum from the Acting Deputy Administrator about Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Workforce.

From: Lane, Vicki [Lane.Vicki@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/22/2017 12:51:45 AM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov];

Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: R9's Updated VERA/VSIP Package

Attachments: R9 FY17 VERA-VSIP Reorg Charts.pdf; Region 9 Targeted Positions Rev 6-21-17.xlsx; R9 V-V Business Case Rev 6-21-

17.docx; Region 9 OCFO Theme Chart Rev 6-21-17.xlsx

# Hi Debbi,

Thanks again for allowing us to make this change. Attached is our complete package.

Regards, Vicki J. Lane

Human Resources Officer, Region 9 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 75 Hawthorne Street, Mail Code: EMD-2

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From: Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 4/7/2017 5:53:35 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
CC: Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Workforce Documents
Attachments: Templatedraft 4.7.17.xlsx

This isn't working well, there are too many variables for one template. I made an overview sheet and a sheet for a deeper dive. Just don't know this will be easily filled out and provide all we need.

Thanks,

Jason Kuhns
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Kuhns, Jason < Kuhns. Jason@epa.gov>
Cc: Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Workforce Documents

Found it—that was quicker than I thought!

From: Hart, Debbi

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 11:23 AM

To: Kuhns, Jason < kuhns. jason@epa.gov >
Cc: Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >
Subject: FW: Workforce Documents

Gonna have to dig for the R4 example so I'm sending this now... Stay tuned for the last piece. Thank you. D

From: Hunt, Loretta

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 7:02 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart, Debbi@epa.gov</a> **Subject:** Workforce Documents

Debbi,

I've attached R7 and OCFO's plans for possible template consideration.

Also, the old USGS V/V guide has a spreadsheet template on pg. 18. I don't like how it looks but I do like the additional information it requests.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources

U.S. EPA Phone: (202) 564-6963 Email: hunt.loretta@epa.gov

# Program/Regional Office Name

Targeted Positions	Total Non-Term Employees	Retirement Eligible	VERA Eligible (does not include RE)
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Occupation Series - Occupation Name 2			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 3			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 4			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 5			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 6			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 7			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 8			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 9			
Occupation Series - Occupation Name 10			
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Total			

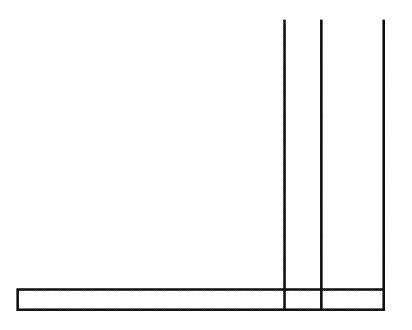
VSIP Eligible	# of Positions Targeted	Maximum # of VERA/VSIP Offers

OARM	Total Non-Term Employees	Retirement Eligible	VERA Eligible (does not include RE)	VSIP Eligible
ATLANTA,GEORGIA	2	2		2
1801-General Inspection, Investigation, and Compliance	1	1		1
905-General Attorney	1	1		1
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1			1
343-Management and Program Analysis	1			1
CHICAGO,ILLINOIS	1			1
905-General Attorney	1			1
CINCINNATI,OHIO	68	9	21	65
1102-Contracting	2			1
1301-General Physical Science	1		1	1
1410-Librarian	1			1
1654-Printing Services	1	1		1
18-Safety and Occupational Health Management	2		2	2
2010-Inventory Management	1			1
201-Human Resources Management	29	4	10	28
203-Human Resources Assistance	2			2
2210-Information Technology Management	6		2	5
318-Secretary	2	1		2
340-Program Management	1			1
343-Management and Program Analysis	12	3	3	12
391-Telecommunications	2		111	2
801-General Engineering	4		dan.	4
80-Security Administration	1			1
830-Mechanical Engineering	1		1	1
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	131	11	19	111
1102-Contracting	33	4	8	31
1301-General Physical Science	1			
1640-Facility Operations Services	6		1	5
18-Safety and Occupational Health Management	1			1
2010-Inventory Management	1			
201-Human Resources Management	55	3	6	44
203-Human Resources Assistance	5			4
2210-Information Technology Management	10	1	3	8
2299-Information Technology Student Trainee	1			
301-Miscellaneous Administration and Program	2			2
340-Program Management	3			3
341-Administrative Officer	1			1
343-Management and Program Analysis	2	1	1	2
511-Auditing	1	1		1
801-General Engineering	1	1		1
80-Security Administration	1			1
830-Mechanical Engineering	4			4
850-Electrical Engineering	2			2

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LAS VEGAS,NEVADA	21	2	5	18
201-Human Resources Management	18	2	5	15
203-Human Resources Assistance	2			2
318-Secretary	1			1
MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CARO	1		1	1
201-Human Resources Management	1		1	1
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA				1
201-Human Resources Management NORWOOD,OHIO	27	,	•	
1102-Contracting	<b>37</b> 36	4	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b> 4
301-Miscellaneous Administration and Program	1	ა 1	0	1
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANI		1		-
905-General Attorney	1			1
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA				-
343-Management and Program Analysis	1			1
WASHINGTON,DC	433	93	112	407
1001-General Arts and Information	1		1	1
1102-Contracting	96	19	24	90
1103-Industrial Property Management	1			1
1106-Procurement Clerical and Technician	1	1		1
1109-Grants Management	22	6	5	22
1170-Realty	1			1
1640-Facility Operations Services	2		2	2
1654-Printing Services	1			1
1712-Training Instruction	1			1
1750-Instructional Systems	2			1
1801-General Inspection, Investigation, and Compliance	2		1	2
18-Safety and Occupational Health Management	3		1	3
201-Human Resources Management	37	11	8	34
203-Human Resources Assistance	2	1	1	2
2101-Transportation Specialist	1	_	_	-
2210-Information Technology Management	25	1	9	25
28-Environmental Protection Specialist	1	-,	-7	1
301-Miscellaneous Administration and Program	21	,	/	20
303-Miscellaneous Clerk and Assistant	2	2	4	3
306-Government Information Specialist	3	2	1	
318-Secretary 326-Office Automation Clerical and Assistance	2	1	1	2
340-Program Management	7	2	2	-
341-Administrative Officer	2	۷	1	2
342-Support Services Administration	11	6	3	11
343-Management and Program Analysis	106		24	99
344-Management and Program Clerical and Assistance	1	- '	- '	1
351-Printing Clerical	1		1	
391-Telecommunications	1	1	,	
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OARM	698	121	164	643
#N/A	2		1	2
950-Paralegal Specialist	1		1	1
935-Adminstrative Law Judge	3		2	3
905-General Attorney	26	2	7	23
850-Electrical Engineering	1			1
830-Mechanical Engineering	4		1	3
819-Environmental Engineering	1			1
810-Civil Engineering	1	1		1
80-Security Administration	18	2	4	17
808-Architecture	5	2		4
804-Fire Protection Engineering	2		1	1
801-General Engineering	1			1
690-Industrial Hygiene	1	1		1
511-Auditing	5	2	2	5



From: Monroe, Scott [Monroe.Scott@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/6/2017 12:21:46 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]; Kutzke, Julie [Kutzke.Julie@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov];

McNeal, Detha [McNeal.Detha@epa.gov]; Kuhns, Jason [Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov]; Willig, Jeanine

[willig.jeanine@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Attachments: OAR V-V Business Case Checklist Jun 5.docx

#### Hi Marvin,

OK, I am sending back to all of you OAR's proposal with the amended budget information. We have not attributed the costs in Table A to Table B because those costs would be paid out in FY17. The only "savings" that apply in FYs 18 & 19 are the avoided salary & WCF, minus the cost of new entrants to OAR. We used enacted FY17 payroll as the starting point for FYs 18 & 19 in Table B because we saw no other available basis to estimate payroll for those years.

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From: Schulman, Marvin

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 6:44 PM

To: Monroe, Scott < Monroe. Scott@epa.gov>; Kutzke, Julie < Kutzke. Julie@epa.gov>

Cc: Hart, Debbi < Hart. Debbi@epa.gov>; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>;

McNeal, Detha <McNeal.Detha@epa.gov>; Kuhns, Jason <Kuhns.Jason@epa.gov>; Willig, Jeanine

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Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Scott -

Thanks for the email.

The reason for asking for lines B and C has to do with how it impacts the total on line D

With Table A info Without Table A Info

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

As you can see it impacts F here, and as a result, it would also impact the total in J

As to what/how are others using to estimate FY18 and FY18 budget figures, I could tell you what I've seen, but I couldn't tell you if those were the correct approaches to making those estimates – and would suggest you reach out to your senior budget person

Unfortunately, I can't speak to your questions about *why* we are asking for the budgetary numbers we are (I wasn't privy to any of those discussions) except to say that I think we're trying to show the reductions/ savings in FY17 compared to our budget projections otherwise\*

\*That being said, allow me to paraphrase DeForrest Kelly from Star Trek: "Dammit, Spock, Im an HR Specialist, not an Accountant!"

Will look forward to OAR's submission...we're really getting down to the wire here.

THANKS!

Marvin

From: Monroe, Scott

**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 5:39 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>

Cc: Kutzke, Julie < Kutzke, Julie@epa.gov > Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Marv,

Please take a look at this and tell us if it matches your expectations. Line D should be what you were looking for, but we weren't sure why you're asking for lines B and C when the payouts will occur in FY17. Also, what are others using to estimate FY18 & 19 payroll? We used FY17 because there's no other basis available to us. I suppose OARM could have directed everyone to assume a certain reduction from FY17 across the board?

I will send the revised file to all if you're OK with this.

Scott

# **Budget Information**

Basic assumptions for calculations (e.g., hourly rate based on average grade and step) should be captured in footnotes or otherwise explained in the business case.

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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From: Schulman, Marvin

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 5:03 PM

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Kuhns, Jason < Kuhns. Jason @epa.gov >; McNeal, Detha < McNeal. Detha @epa.gov >

Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Scott, Julie -

Following up on Scott's email from last week (see below) regarding need for revised budget numbers.

We're getting down to the wire...hope we can expect to see something from oyu soon.

THANKS!

Marvin

From: Monroe, Scott

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:36 PM

To: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>

Cc: Kutzke, Julie < <a href="mailto:Kutzke.Julie@epa.gov">Kutzke, Julie@epa.gov</a> Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Marvin,

Yes, thanks, I understand what you mean. We didn't think OHR meant for us to provide total payroll and WCF for the OAR workforce. We weren't thinking at all about total payroll. (We didn't provide that point of comparison in our 2014 proposal.) Out of curiosity, is that something OCFO asked for?

Our budget lead is out until next week, I'm afraid. We'll try to get this to you ASAP.

Scott

From: Schulman, Marvin

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:42 PM

To: Monroe, Scott < Monroe. Scott@epa.gov >; Hunt, Loretta < Hunt. Loretta@epa.gov > Cc: Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov >; Kutzke, Julie < Kutzke. Julie@epa.gov >

Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hey Scott - let me try...

The payroll costs shown in D are zero.

If you took your current payroll costs and subtracted the payroll costs for the projected V/V positions, the remaining salary costs (equal to your remaining workforce should equal D

Similarly, if you took for current WCF costs in G, and subtracted the WCF costs for the employees who take the buyout, the remaining WCF costs would equal H.

So then G - H (the WCF costs for V/V projected separations) + I (to account for the WCF funds for your new hires which you are adding back in) should equal J

...Does that help?

Loretta – if I missed something, please chime in – thanks!

Marvin

From: Monroe, Scott

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 5:13 PM **To:** Hunt, Loretta < <u>Hunt, Loretta@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Schulman, Marvin < Schulman. Marvin@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary < parker.gary@epa.gov>; Kutzke, Julie

<Kutzke.Julie@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Loretta,

The budget numbers we offered reflected savings from all 20 taking the buyout, minus the cost of backfilling 5 of the 20. We thought that would appropriately reflect the cost savings, is that not the case?

Scott

From: Hunt, Loretta

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Monroe, Scott < Monroe. Scott@epa.gov>

Cc: Schulman, Marvin <Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov>; Parker, Gary <parker.gary@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Importance: High

Scott,

A minor concern about OAR's submission:

• In re: to the budget chart (rows D &H), comparing it to the targeted population chart, you have identified some positions that would be eliminated if vacated. So, on the budget chart, there would be potential savings for salary, benefits and WCF for FY18 and FY19.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Monroe, Scott

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:13 PM **To:** Hart, Debbi <a href="mailto:Hart.Debbi@epa.gov">Hart.Debbi@epa.gov</a>>

Cc: Shaw, Betsy <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>; Kutzke, Julie <Kutzke.Julie@epa.gov>; Monroe, Scott

<Monroe.Scott@epa.gov>

Subject: OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal

Hi Debbi,

Please find attached documents constituting OAR's VERA/VSIP proposal, as requested by Acting Assistant Administrator Donna Vizian on April 17. We are not sending organization charts as explained in the proposal. Please contact me or Julie Kutzke (564-2989) with questions or if you need further information.

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**Sent**: 5/11/2017 9:52:56 PM

To: Torrez, Alfredo [Torrez.Alfredo@epa.gov]; Erickson, Amber [Erickson.Amber@epa.gov]

CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

Subject: Workforce budget

Attachments: EPA VERA-VSIP for OW 10-3-14 pt1of2.pdf; EPA VERA-VSIP for OW 10-3-14 pt2of2.pdf

# Alfredo,

Unfortunately, I'm not a budget SME. However, I do have a copy of OW's last V-V request with budget projections. I believe the cost factors are the same/similar except orgs don't have to show budget neutrality this time.

Hope this helps.

Loretta L. Hunt Branch Chief Policy and Accountability Branch Policy, Planning and Training Division Office of Human Resources U.S. EPA

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From: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 6/2/2017 5:11:18 PM

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CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Parker, Gary [parker.gary@epa.gov]

**Subject**: OARM V/V Business Case

Attachments: OARM business case 6-2-17 lh.docx

Importance: High

Please see my comments in the attached document and revise accordingly. Also, has OARM provided budget information? If you have any questions, please contact me.

From: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 3/28/2017 2:02:40 PM

To: Hunt, Loretta [Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Fw: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx **Attachments**: Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

Donna would like us to define VERA and VSIP eligibility under the heading "Current Retirement Eligibility..." Can you assist? Will call to clarify.

From: Cooper, Marian

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:40 AM

To: Hart, Debbi

**Subject:** Workforce Reshaping VERA VSIP March 2017.docx

From: Radzikowski, Mary Ellen [Radzikowski.Maryellen@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/5/2017 6:26:43 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]

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Subject: Office of Research and Development Workforce Reshaping Proposal

Attachments: VERA-VSIP 2017 One-Page Proposal Draft (v8).docx

Attached please find the Office of Research and Development's workforce reshaping proposal. Please let me know of you have any questions.

Thank you.

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Acting Associate Assistant Administrator
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**Sent**: 6/21/2017 8:04:57 PM

To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
CC: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]
Subject: Bulletin - Comp Area/Levels Follow up
Attachments: Competitive Area Draft 6-21-17.docx

Donna, Loretta, Debbi and I did a final review and made some minor tweaks – Loretta put it in the appropriate form as a Policy Bulletin and we are all in agreement on this version of the document.

### -Arron

Arron E. Helm Director Office of Administration and Resources Management Research Triangle Park (919) 541-4252



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To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Showman, John [Showman.John@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna

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Subject: Flynn.V.V.2017.rev1.docx Attachments: Flynn.V.V.2017.rev1.docx

Reflects comments by John and Donna. Debbi? Thanks to all

From: Badalamente, Mark [Badalamente.Mark@epa.gov]

**Sent**: 5/5/2017 5:49:23 PM

To: Hart, Debbi [Hart.Debbi@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]

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**Subject**: OECA's VERA/VSIP one page business case

Attachments: OECA VERA VSIP one page business case 5-5-17.docx

Importance: High

Donna and Debi -

Attached is OECA's one page VERA/VSIP one page business case narrative. We've developed this in consultation with OECA's senior managers and our lead region. Let me know if you have questions or needs anything else.

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To: Schulman, Marvin [Schulman.Marvin@epa.gov]

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McDonald, James [McDonald.James@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Request for Additional V/V Information
Attachments: R6 VV Justification (w-Budget Tables) 6-1-17.docx

Marvin,

Attached is Region 6's V/V submission with budgetary information. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Troy

From: Schulman, Marvin

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 6:31 PM

To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; McDonald, James <McDonald.James@epa.gov>; Hill, Troy <Hill.Troy@epa.gov>

Cc: Hunt, Loretta < Hunt.Loretta@epa.gov>; Hart, Debbi < Hart.Debbi@epa.gov>

Subject: Request for Additional V/V Information

Thank you for your V/V submission.

In reviewing your business case we realized that that document did not include your budgetary information

The attached document is a copy of your business case with the two budget tables attached.

We look forward to seeing your revised submission.

If I can be of additional assistance, please let me know.

Thank you

Marvin Schulman Office of Human Resources (202) 564-7778